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Mr. Robert A. Bilott Partner Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP 425 Walnut Street **Suite 1800** Cincinnati, OH 45202-3957

Dear Mr. Bilott:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations have opened an inquiry into the use of the chemical Bisphenol A (BPA), particularly in products intended for use by infants and children.

As part of our investigation, we have begun looking into the activities of the Weinberg Group. a consulting firm that has worked on BPA and other chemicals such as PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid). We understand that you may have documents and records related to the Weinberg Group that may be relevant to our investigation.

We therefore request that you provide to the Committee:

- 1. All records related to publications, papers, studies, white papers, and articles authored and/or published by the Weinberg Group or its expert witnesses, spokespersons, experts, consultants, and panels;
- 2. All records related to the names and professional qualifications of any and all expert witnesses, spokespersons, experts, consultants, and panels identified or developed by the Weinberg Group;
- 3. All records related to any and all expert witnesses, spokespersons, experts, consultants, and panels identified or developed by the Weinberg Group. including any emails, memos, and correspondence as well as contractual arrangements related to their work for the Weinberg Group;

- 4. All financial records related to any and all expert witnesses, spokespersons, experts, consultants, and panels identified or developed by the Weinberg Group, to include how much money they have ever received from the Weinberg Group, its subsidiaries, contractors, or subcontractors;
- 5. All records related to public relations programs developed, initiated, or carried out by the Weinberg Group;
- 6. All records, including any e-mails, memos, and correspondence, related to the Weinberg Group's work on Daubert standards or jury influence; and
- 7. All deposition transcripts or other records of interviews related to the Weinberg Group.

Please deliver copies of the requested records to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Room 316, Ford House Office Building, no later than two weeks from the date of this letter. Please note that for the purpose of responding to this request, the terms "record" and "relating" should be interpreted in accordance with the attachment to this letter. After review of the records, we may require additional records and/or staff interviews with you or your staff.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions related to this request, please contact us or have your staff contact John F. Sopko or Paul Jung of the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell

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Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable John Shimkus, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations